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SUBJECT: MEDIA SUGGESTS JAPAN'S SYMPATHY FOR BOAT CASES WANING

REF: A) TOKYO 5111; B) SAPPORO 43

1. JAPANESE PRESS AND TV ON APRIL 24-25, IN STORIES KEYED TO ARRIVAL OF 77 MORE BOAT CASE REFUGEES APRIL 22, DISCUSSED GROWING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM. STORIES SEEM TRACEABLE TO GOJ BACKGROUNDER.

2. IN JAPAN TIMES VERSION IT WAS REPORTED THAT 533 REFUGEES HAD BEEN LANDED IN JAPAN SINCE APRIL 1975, OR WHOM 252 HAD BEEN RELOCATED (144 TO US, 21 TO UK, 19 TO CANADA, 18 TO FRANCE, 17 TO PARAGUAY, RES VARIOUS) AND 281 REMAINED HERE -- "AN UNENDING PROBLEM" FOR OVERPOPULATED JAPAN. ARTICLE SAID THAT "COUNTRIES THAT WERE SYMPATHETIC TO REFUGEES AT BEGINNING HAVE RECENTLY BECOME STRICTER," AND AS EVIDENCE ALLEGED THAT US "HAS LIMITED ASIAN IMMIGRANTS TO 100 A MONTH SINCE MARCH." JAPAN TIMES CITED REPORT THAT 100,000 VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES CURRENTLY SOUGHT ENTRY TO US.

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3. JAPAN TIMES STORY STATED THAT FONOFF OFFICIALS FEARED JAPAN "MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN WRANGLE WITH VIETNAM "IF PRESS WERE ALLOWED TO INTERVIEW REFUGEE MEMBER OF SRV PARLIAMENT LANDED HERE APRIL 7 (REFTEL).

4. ARTICLE EMPHASIZED JAPANESE POLICY AGAINST GIVING PERMANENT HOME TO REFUGEES AND EXILES. IMPLICATION WAS

CLEAR THAT GOJ MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED IN DUCKING RESPONSIBILITY
TO CARE FOR FUTURE BOAT CASES.
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